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Old Route 66 Planning & Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study
Section (13R-2, 12R-4,12RX,11X-2)ES
From US 24 in Chenoa to IL 116 in Pontiac
Livingston and McLean Counties
Job No. P-93-012-22
Contract No. 66M14

Dear Mr. [redacted]: MALEY

The Illinois Department of Transportation, District 3 office in Ottawa is continuing engineering studies for the improvement of Old Route 66 from US 24 in Chenoa to IL 116 in Pontiac. Proposed improvements may include significant pavement rehabilitation due to the existing pavement condition. Safety, drainage, bike, and pedestrian accommodations will be considered as appropriate.

A public information meeting for the study phase is scheduled for August 31, 2023, from 4:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. at the Pontiac Recreation Center. A notice of the meeting and a comment sheet are attached for your convenience. A video presentation and exhibits will be made available at this meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to present proposed project information, to answer project questions, and receive public comments. Comments will be accepted at the meeting, as well as electronically via the project website listed below. Meeting exhibits will be posted to the project website following the public information meeting. A summary of comments and responses will be posted on the project website following the comment period. Comments must be received by September 15, 2023, to become part of the public record.

IDOT recognizes that Old Route 66 is an important historic and economic resource for this area and our agency places great value on public participation as we evaluate alternatives for these improvements. As part of this effort, the public information meeting will host a wide range of stakeholders and community members to learn more about the project, as well as provide feedback and ask questions to the Study Team. We are committed to the extensive involvement of area stakeholders throughout the study process and hope you can attend this upcoming meeting.

For questions regarding the public information meeting or the study, please contact David Alexander, Studies & Plans Engineer, at the address above or by calling (815) 434-8468. Persons with a disability planning to participate, who need special accommodations, should notify Mr. Alexander by August 15, 2023. Please write to the Illinois Department of Transportation, 700 East Norris Drive, Ottawa, Illinois 61350, fax (815) 434-8951), telephone (815) 434-8575, TTY (800) 526-0844, or voice users (800) 526-0857 so reasonable accommodations can be made.

Visit the project website below for more information or to submit your questions to the Study Team prior to the public information meeting:

https://idot.illinois.gov/projects/old-route-66-planning-and-environmental-linkages-study.html

Sincerely,

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NOTICE

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT
FOR THE STUDY OF IMPROVEMENTS TO OLD ROUTE 66 FROM CHENOA TO PONTIAC

THURSDAY

August 31, 2023

4 PM TO 7 PM

AT THE PONTIAC RECREATION CENTER
900 N. ELM STREET
PONTIAC, IL 61764

(NO FORMAL PRESENTATION)

The Illinois Department of Transportation, District 3 office, is providing an opportunity for public involvement during the Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) study for improvements to Old Route 66 from Chenoa to Pontiac. The purpose is to present proposed improvement alternatives and potential impacts and to answer project questions and receive public comments.

A PEL Study is a collaborative and integrated approach to transportation decision-making that considers environmental, community, and economic goals early in the transportation planning process. The PEL process allows IDOT to engage with the public, develop or refine a purpose and need statement, and perform preliminary screening of alternatives during the planning process, in advance of initiating the Phase I preliminary design and environmental documentation.

Proposed improvements are anticipated to involve rehabilitation of Old Route 66 and will consider safety improvements.

The meeting will be conducted in an open house format with no formal presentation. IDOT personnel will be available to provide information, answer questions, and receive comments. Exhibits and maps will be available for the public to review and will also be posted on the project website at:

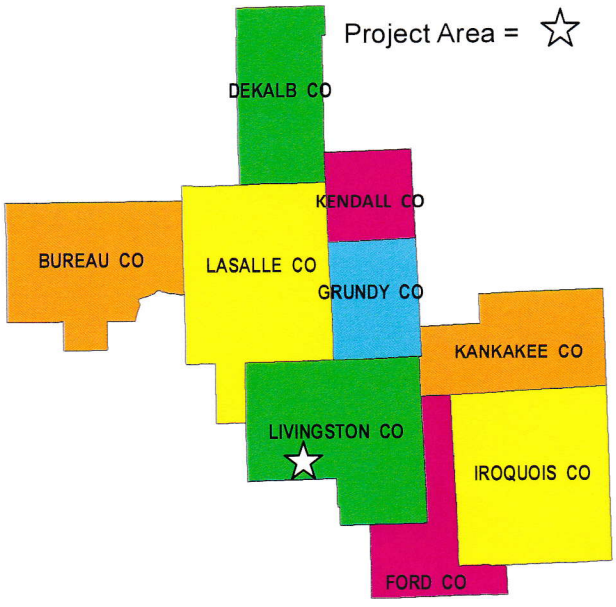
https://idot.illinois.gov/projects/old-route-66-planning-and-environmental-linkages-study.html

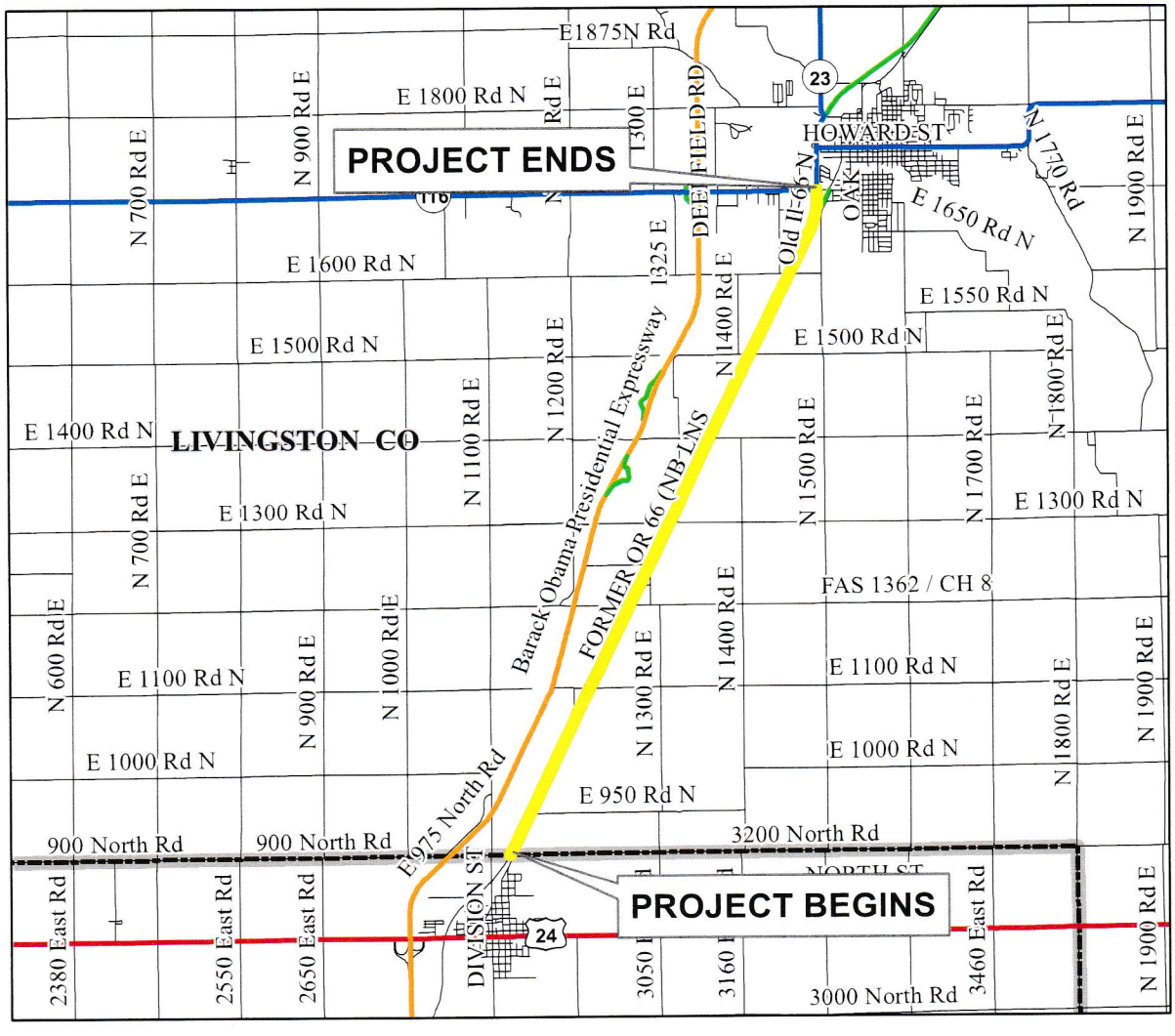
All interested persons are invited to attend and participate.

Persons with a disability planning to attend this meeting, who are in need of special accommodations, sign language interpreter or other similar assistance, should notify Mr. David Alexander of this office by August 15, 2023. Write to the Illinois Department of Transportation, 700 East Norris Drive, Ottawa, Illinois 61350 (Fax (815) 434-8553) or Telephone (815) 434-8468, (TTY (800) 526-0844, Voice Users (800) 526-0857) so reasonable accommodations can be made. The meeting room is accessible to persons with a disability.

Project Location Map

OR 66 (Old Route 66)
Section (13R-2,12R-4,12RX,11X-2)ES
Livingston County & McLean County
PLANNING & ENVIRONMENTAL LINKAGES (PEL) STUDY
US 24 IN CHENOA TO IL 116 IN PONTIAC
Phase I Job No: P-93-012-22
Contract No.66M14





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PUBLIC COMMENT FORM

Old Route 66 from Chenoa to Pontiac
In Illinois

We encourage you to provide your feedback and views for public involvement during the Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) study for improvements to Old Route 66 from Chenoa to Pontiac. We are providing this form so that your comments will be directed to the Project Study Team for evaluation and consideration in proceeding with the development of the project. You may submit the form by email to david.s.alexander@illinois.gov or mail it to the Illinois Department of Transportation at the address provided on the reverse side of this form. Your comments should be received by September 15, 2023, to provide timely consideration. Please note if you are affected as a homeowner, business, or both.

We appreciate your input. If you would like to provide additional information, please submit your comments on additional pages.

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE ALL INFORMATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Check one or more as applicable:

___ Homeowner along project route
___ Use route to commute
___ Business owner along project route
___ Interested party

Comments:

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(Comments and responses received will be posted to the website)
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